

**544A.8 Qualification for licensure.**

1. Any person may apply for a license or may apply to take an examination for licensure under [this chapter](#). The board shall not require that the application contain a photograph of the applicant.

2. The board shall adopt rules governing practical training and education and may adopt as its rules criteria published by a national certification body recognized by the board. The board may accept the accreditation decisions of a national accreditation body recognized by the board.

3. A person applying for licensure by examination, upon complying with the other requirements, shall satisfactorily pass an examination in technical and professional subjects prescribed by the board. The board may adopt the uniform standardized examination and grading procedures of a national certification body recognized by the board. The examination may be conducted by representatives of the board. The identity of the person taking the examination shall be concealed until after the examination has been graded. The board shall adopt rules regarding reexamination. An applicant who has failed the examination may request in writing information from the board concerning the applicant's examination grade and subject areas or questions which the applicant failed to answer correctly, except that if the board administers a uniform, standardized examination, the board shall only be required to provide the examination grade and the other information concerning the applicant's examination results which is available to the board.

4. In lieu of examination, the board may grant licensure by reciprocity. A person applying to the board for licensure by reciprocity shall furnish satisfactory evidence that the person holds qualifications determined by the board to be substantially equivalent to the requirements for initial licensure in accordance with [section 546.10, subsection 8](#).

[C27, 31, 35, §1905-b8; C39, §1905.65; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §118.8]

[87 Acts, ch 92, §3](#)

C93, §544A.8

[2008 Acts, ch 1059, §6, 7; 2017 Acts, ch 131, §7; 2020 Acts, ch 1103, §43, 51; 2021 Acts, ch 69, §1, 2](#)

Referred to in [§544A.9](#)

2021 repeal of former subsection 5 applies retroactively to persons who applied to the architectural examining board for licensure and who, on or after June 25, 2020, passed one or more modules of the architect registration examination but failed to pass the examination; 2021 Acts, ch 69, §2

Subsection 5 stricken